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SUBJECT: MEETING IN LA PAZ OF BOLIVIAN AMBASSADORS

REFS: (A) LA PAZ 1720; (B) LA PAZ 1843

1. IN RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED REFTEL B, COUNTRY DIRECTOR REVIEWED WITH AMBASSADOR CAPRILES ON MARCH 17 PENDING TOPICS OF BILATERAL INTEREST, SPECIFICALLY FMS CREDIT LEVELS, STATUS OF AID LEGISLATION, TRADE BILL AND SELA. COUNTRY DIRECTOR DID NOT RPT NOT REVIEW PROSPECTS FOR ADDITIONAL PADES LOAN AS IT HAS BEEN FULLY COVERED IN PRIOR DISCUSSIONS AND WAS NOT RAISED WHEN AMBASSADOR ACCOMPANIED BY HECTOR ORMACHEA CALLED AT DEPARTMENT MARCH 12.

2. SUBJECT OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND ALLEGATIONS OF MISTREATMENT OF AMCITS DETAINED ON VARIOUS CHARGES WAS FULLY DISCUSSED WITH CAPRILES AND ORMACHEA IN MARCH 12 MEETING. ON THAT OCCASION CAPRILES INDICATED HE WOULD RAISE WITH GOB IMPORTANCE OF COMPLYING WITH VIENNA CONVENTION PROVISIONS.

3. RE BOLIVIA'S REQUEST FOR INCREASE IN FY 1975 FMS

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CREDITS TO TOTAL OF DOLS 12 MILLION, COUNTRY DIRECTOR

POINTED OUT THAT EMERGENCY REQUIREMENTS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD MADE ANY INCREASE ABOVE PLANNING LEVEL MOST UNLIKELY. CAPRILES ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN OPTIMISTIC ABOUT PROSPECTS. CAPRILES REQUESTED FURTHER

CONSIDERATION OF BOLIVIA'S NEEDS IN THE EVENT THERE IS UNEXPECTED FALLOUT OF FUNDS.

4. PENDING DRASTIC CUTS IN FY 75 A.I.D. LEGISLATION WERE DISCUSSED WITH CAPRILES IN GENERAL TERMS, INCLUDING POSSIBILITY OF SOME CUTS IN FY 75 LOAN AND GRANT LEVELS AND CARRY-OVER IMPACT ON FY 76 PROGRAM. CAPRILES INDICATED THAT HE HAD BEEN FOLLOWING PRESS ACCOUNTS OF BILLS' PROGRESS THROUGH CONGRESS.

5. GENERAL DISCUSSION OF STATUS OF TRADE BILL AND SELA ALONG LINES OF DEPARTMENT'S CIRCULAR TO FIELD ON THESE SUBJECTS PRODUCED NO SPECIFIC REACTION FROM CAPRILES WHO EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR RUNDOWN.

6. CAPRILES NOTED THAT DURING HIS ABSENCE THE NEWLY DESIGNATED DCM ARNAL WOULD BE DESIGNATED CHARGE BUT THAT FIRST SECRETARY FERNANDEZ WOULD BE RUNNING THE EMBASSY. HE ALSO NOTED THAT HECTOR ORMACHEA PLANS TO REMAIN IN WASHINGTON DURING THIS WEEK. INGERSOLL

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